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NUMISMATIC JOURNALISM.

In this country this class of journalism is of quite recent origin, and although its patrons are comparatively small in number, it holds equal rank with other classes advocating more popular sciences.

Journalism is the great medium by which ideas and themes are made known to the public mind.

Every science has its advocate in some form of journal, and every journal advocates some particular cause.

Our leading numismatic journals have done a great deal in establishing the coin and medal interest as no small feature among the various branches of science,—proving it to be a necessary auxiliary to the thorough study of History, and by their influence many uninterested persons have seen the fascinating and instructive qualities to be derived from coin-collecting, and have taken up the pastime.

Books and pamphlets also have done much to advance the science, but owing to the small demand, have been published in very limited numbers, causing the great scarcity and high prices of some of the older publications. Many excellent numismatic journals have been started from time to time, but for want of sufficient patronage and encouragement from the collectors have been compelled to suspend.

The year 1875 witnesses the birth of three more, which we trust will be more successful. We speak of ourselves as one of the new comers, and although we are but an insignificant member of the numismatic press, we hope, with the aid of the collectors, to increase in size and become a journal among journals.

CENTENNIAL.

One feature of the coming Centennial Exhibition will be particularly interest-

ing to numismatists. A commission has been appointed to collect a specimen of every type of coin struck in what is now the United States, and should its efforts be successful, we may expect to see a collection of American coins unsurpassed by any mint or private cabinet.

The duty assigned to this commission is no light task, and we doubt if Connecticut will be fully represented. The variety of Connecticut coppers is Legion.

Seldom do we see two pieces of the same die, if taken casually from an unassorted lot.

We wish it success in the good cause it has undertaken, and will gladly contribute our mite, should opportunity offer.

The newspapers have something to say from time to time about cabmen and two-thousand-year-old coins. Cabby No. 1 made his appearance in London, and upon seeing a coin purported to be two thousand years old, remarked: "That cannot be, we are only in 1868." Each year since then, other cabbies in various cities have casually met with coins of the same antiquity and made equally ignorant assertions in regard to the earth's age.

NEW YORK produced the last cabby, who said that the earth was but 1874 years old. 1875 cabmen not yet heard from.

THE current copper cent is a convenient measure of length, when rules are not present; four of them, placed edge to edge, measure just three inches.

THERE will be an auction sale of coins and medals by Thos. Birch & Son at No. 1110 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, on the afternoons of the 13 and 14 inst. Orders for this sale will be executed by Messrs. Cogan, Haseltine and Kline, and by the Auctioneers.

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NEW EUROPEAN COINS.

Within the past year the German Government has made a change in its minor coinage.

The new varieties are the 1 Mark, 20, 10 and 5 Pfennig pieces; the first two are of silver and valued respectively at 19 and 38 cts. U. S. money, the latter are valued proportionally, and are of copper.

The obverse of these coins has the inscription "DEUTES REICH," also date, and the value expressed numerically; the reverse bears the Prussian Eagle.

The United Kingdom of Sweden and Norway has recently coined 20 and 10 Kroner pieces of gold, valued respectively at \$5.34 and \$2.67 U. S. money. The obverse bears the head of King Oscar with the date beneath, and the inscription "OSCAR II SVERIGES O. NORGES KONUNG; the reverse has the national coat-of-arms, the legend BRODRAFOLKENS VAL. and the denomination of value. The Decorah Numismatic Journal notes the issue of 5 Pesetas pieces of Don Carlos VII., dated 1874.

"THE old 'Red Cent,' which has now passed out of use, and almost out of sight, first made its appearance from the Mint of 1792. It bore the head of Washington on one side, and thirteen links on the other. Later the head of the Goddess of Liberty took the place of Washington, and an olive wreath was substituted for the chain. Then came the classic Grecian head, which was scarcely altered during the life of the old 'red cent.'"

We clip the above from Harper's "Weekly" of March 6, and bring it to the notice of our readers in order to check its influence, should it go the rounds of the public press.

Newspaper paragraphs relating to numismatics are not always authentic, and the one referred to describes a coin never issued.

There were several varieties of 1792

cents struck at the mint, and they greatly differ from the "Red Cent" described.

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THE Establishment of a new mint was recommended by the President in the Financial Message he sent to Congress at the time of his approval of the recently passed Finance bill. There seems to be strong unanimity of opinion in the Western country in favor of the establishment of this mint, but great contrariety of claims as to the one best place for its location. Before the Finance Committee of the Senate claims for it were recently presented by persons representing Chicago, St Louis, Indianapolis, Omaha and Cincinnati. Until these numerous, active, enterprising and flourishing cities come to some understanding among themselves Congress will do the wisest thing by holding the matter in abeyance; particularly as the Government was recently so over-supplied with minting establishments that it felt constrained

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to dispose of some of them at considerable loss; and more particularly as the existing mints appear to be quite equal to the demands upon them.—Phia. Ledger.

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THAT our initial number should have contained so many typographical errors, we regret very much, and trust our readers will excuse our carelessness.

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1795 Dollar, extra good,.....		2.00
1797 do six stars facing,		
[pierced,		2.00
1798 Dollar, extra good,.....		1.50
1799 do fair,.....		1.50
1874 do uncirculated,...		1.60
1795 Half Dollar fair,.....		1.00
1802 do do good,.....		2.75
1803 do do do		1.50
1806 do do extra good,		
(pointed 6		1.35
1796 Quarter Dollar, good,...		2.75
1818 do pierced,...		.40
1832 do fair,...		.40
1797 Dime, poor,.....		2.00
1798 do do		2.00
1809 do fair,		1.75
1837 do Liberty seated, fine,		.50
1844 do fair,.....		.50
1846 do do70
1795 Half Dime, extra good,...		1.25
1796 do do good,.....		3.00
1800 do do extra good,....		1.25
1846 do do good,.....		.75
1864, '65, '67, '68 and '69 Half		
(Dimes, good, each		.35
1871 Five Cent Nickel, ...10 and		.15
1855 Three do Silver, good,...		.30
1873 Three Cent Silver, proof,...	\$	1.25
1874 do do Nickel, do ..		.10
1870 Two do Uncirculated...		.10
1871 do do05 and		.15
1872 do do proof,.....		.35
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1820 do Uncirculated, 1.00 and		1.50
1851 do do50
1853 do do50
1855 do do75
1856 do Bright,.....		.35
1856 do Nickel, pierced,....		1.75
1856 do do Proof,.....		2.75
1857 do Copper, large and		
[Small dates .15 and		.20
Cents 1862 to 1874 Inclusive,		
[Uncirculated, each,		.10

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1855 Cent Nickel, Flying [Eagle pattern,....	1.00
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Medal, Wesley, 1866, W. M., 32,	.75
“ Castorland, 1796, [Copper, 20,	3.00
Medal, Masonic Temple, [Phil'a, Tin 24,	.25
Medal, Independence Hall, [rev. Bell W. M., 24,...	.25
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AT THE request of collectors, with whom I am acquainted, or of whom I have good recommendation from responsible parties, I will send them coins on approval by express at their expense, and should any be rejected, I will pay the return express charges.

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